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(SBU) Pol Chief met December 6 with MFA's new Multilateral Affairs Director Margaret Rousseau and requested GOTT support for the four human rights resolutions in ref A. Ms. Rousseau replied that, while Trinidad and Tobago was a strong supporter of human rights, its traditional position on country-specific resolutions was to abstain (ref B). She also noted that certain issues might be more appropriately addressed in the Human Rights Council than in the form of country-specific resolutions before the General Assembly. Finally, she underscored her view that abstaining was in fact a principled position reflecting due consideration of the issues at hand and the process by which they were addressed.

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